

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Medical Assistants \(31-9092\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Receptionists and Information Clerks \(43-4171\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
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0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 79

**Focus Occupation:** Medical Assistants (31-9092)

**Associated Occupation:** Receptionists and Information Clerks (43-4171)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	15.5	13.7	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Clerical	7.3	14.7	12.7	< Expanded education and/or training may be required
Computers and Electronics	8.4	10.2	8.8	< Expanded education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

**Focus Occupation:** Medical Assistants (31-9092)

**Associated Occupation:** Receptionists and Information Clerks (43-4171)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Speaking	10.8	11.6	13.0	> Skill level is likely sufficient
Active Listening	11.0	11.2	13.3	> Skill level is likely sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	11.0	10.1	0 Current skill level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

**Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)**  
**Associated Occupation: Receptionists and Information Clerks (43-4171)**

Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Oral Expression	12.4	12.6	13.9	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	11.9	13.5	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	11.2	11.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Clarity	10.2	10.1	11.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Written Comprehension	11.0	9.7	11.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	9.3	11.2	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Number Facility	6.3	6.7	6.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Memorization	5.6	6.1	5.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

**Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 65**

**Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)**  
**Associated Occupation: Receptionists and Information Clerks (43-4171)**

Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Route multi-line telephone calls	85
Schedule meetings or appointments	68

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

**Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 78**

**Focus Occupation: Medical Assistants (31-9092)**  
**Associated Occupation: Receptionists and Information Clerks (43-4171)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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